



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by David Horn, Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez focused on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. The Dave Ramsey Show (Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

National talk show hosted by Dave Ramsey who offers financial advice and how it involves life, love and relationships, and how they happen to revolve around money.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Scott Briggaman and which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Mike Davis and which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Mike Davis and which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

6. The Dave Ramsey Show (Monday - Friday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

National talk show hosted by Dave Ramsey who offers financial advice and how it involves life, love and relationships, and how they happen to revolve around money.

7. Clark Howard (Monday – Friday, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

8. Open Line

(Monday - Friday 9 p.m. -10 p.m.)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Tuesday – Saturday, 1 a.m. – 5 a.m.)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News

WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. Financial Safari

(Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am) (Through June 9, 2012)

Host "Coach Pete" helps local callers with their financial questions. Peter J. "Coach Pete" D'Arruda, Registered Financial Consultant & Investment Advisor, is President and Founding Principal of Capital Financial Advisory in Cary, North Carolina.

12a. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am) (Beginning June 16, 2012)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Weekend Gardner:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am -11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

14. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

15. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 1:00pm - 4:00pm)

Locally produced call In, Topical News and debate on anything from Entertainment to the latest in Politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

16. Triangle Trader

(Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

The host takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to list items for sale on air.

17. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 9 a.m. - 12 noon)
WPTF broadcasts live the morning worship services of Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays.

18. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

19. 60 Minutes (Sundays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

20. NASCAR and NASCAR Live (Schedule varies)
Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

CODE ISSUE

AC	Arts & Culture	HSM	Health, Safety and Medical Affairs
CR	Civil Rights & Activism	HO	Housing
CD	Crime/Drugs	IA	International Affairs
EC	Economy/Employment	NS	National Security
ED	Education	PA	Political Affairs
EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SP	Sports/Games/Races
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads		

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

April 4 – Officials at DPAC are already preparing for the production of Jekyll and Hyde. WPTF's Brian Freeman talked with DPAC's Bob Klause.

April 10 – Friends and family mourn the death of legendary broadcaster Mike Wallace. Report from Charlie Rose, Bob Schieffer, Morley Safer and Steve Kroft.

Each Friday – Kevin Carr, from Fat Guys at the Movies.com gives his review of new movie offerings.

April 18 – Has the iPad finally met its match? Brian Freeman gets the answer from Trend and Tech Guru Gregg Stebben.

April 30 – Donna Martinez speaks with North Carolina Museum of Art board member Becky Gray about what's new at the museum.

May 1 – In this age of Netflix and streaming video, a local group is giving retro movie fans flicks the old fashion way, in a theatre. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 2 – What began as a few outdoor garden beds blossoms into an exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History according to Ken Howard.

May 2 – Believe it or not, but you can be sued or jailed for acting out on Facebook. Brian Freeman got details from WPTF trend and tech guru Gregg Stebban.

May 8 - WPTF trend and tech guru Gregg Stebban gave WPTF's Brian Freeman some high and low tech ideas for Mother Day. Some of the ideas don't even have you touching a "tech" device.

May 10 – WPTF's Tom Kearney talks to "Mister Barbeque" Bob Garner about his new book "Book of Barbeque: North Carolina's Favorite Food" which is being release today.

May 11 – Your old record albums may be a source of monetary reward. So says Jason McCoon of Tory Hill Auction in an interview with Tom Kearney.

May 11 – He's best know for playing the part of "Otter" in "Animal House" and the voice of "Johnny Quest" and is currently starring in the CW's "Hart of Dixie." Brian Freeman spoke with TV and movie star Tim Matheson.

May 14 – CNN correspondent and author Fareed Zakaria deliver the Duke University commencement address at Wallace Wade Stadium, where he told students the world's problems can be solved by human ingenuity.

May 15 – Ken Howard speaks with WPTF's Tom Kearney about the NC Museum of History's "Behind the Veneer" exhibit that closes soon.

May 16 – We can all learn a lesson from the outing of Yahoo's CEO about lying on our resume. Brian Freeman looked at the issue with Gregg Stebben.

May 16 – It's expected that Raleigh will become a center for Bluegrass music, with a special announcement today by Raleigh's Mayor. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez previewed the announcement.

May 17 - What do you do this summer, when your kids complain...I'm bored?" Brian Freeman spoke to Denise Albert and Melissa Gerstein, who operate a popular website, themoms.com about keeping your kids busy and happy this summer, here in the Triangle.

May 21 – Robin Gibb of the singing group the Bee Gees has died after a long battle with cancer and intestinal surgery. He was 62. Correspondent Sam Litzinger reports.

May 22 – Two different viral videos originating from North Carolina have created separate firestorms. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 23 - The North Carolina Wine Festival is this weekend in Clemmons, North Carolina, just west of Winston-Salem. Brian Freeman spoke to J.R. Snider of our sister station NewsRadio 600 WSJS about Saturday's huge event.

May 23 – Ken Pleasant of Capital Comics and Russ Garwood talked with Tom Kearney about comics and the movies.

May 23 - Many of us do more and more every day with a HEADSET or HEADPHONES on our heads, but it's rare that you can use just one headset for different devices. Is there anyway to simplify this? Brian Freeman got some tips from trend and tech guru Gregg Stebben.

May 23 – Bill LuMaye talked with Lt. Colonel Ken Teegs, a U.S.O. volunteer about how the U.S.O. helps service member returning home from duty.

May 24 – Memorial Day weekend means the official beginning of outdoor barbecuing. If you're in the market for a new grill, the question is...charcoal or propane? Mike Davis posed that question to Chef David Cruso of the Chef's Academy in Morrisville.

May 30 – Doc Watson has died at the age of 89. One of his legacies will live on in Wilkes County, NC. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 31 – The Cherokee casino in western North Carolina is one step closer to offering live poker and other games. Senator Tom Apocada of Henderson County argued for the change in the General Assembly.

June 4 – Award winning music performer Jimmy White is singing the praises of cats as June is adopt a shelter car month. Bruce Ferrell got details.

June 7 – The list of "Great Places in North Carolina" is out and Mount Airy took top honors. More from Stephanie Hawco and the Chamber of Commerce's Betty Ann Collins.

June 13 – It's a big week in tech for Apple and Verizon, but it's an even bigger week in tech for Starbucks. Gregg Stebben talked with Brian Freeman.

June 14 – A special commemoration of Flag Day is taking place in Raleigh today. More from Rick Martinez.

June 19 – Rachel Gragg of DPAC spoke to Brian Freeman about a very popular Broadway show, Jersey Boys, which is coming to DPAC.

June 22 – The first week of summer features plenty of activities. More from Bruce Ferrell.

June 26 – The Partnership for Children of Johnston County and the Miracle League of Johnston County have teamed up to create a play ground for children with special needs. Monty McLamb gave Brian Freeman an overview of a proposed, special playground.

June 27 – The Montford Point Marines, the first African-American members of the Corps, will be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal this afternoon in Washington, D.C. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez talked about these special veterans.

June 28 – What was the role of North Carolina in the War of 1812? Tom Kearney spoke with Gerard Thomas, author of the book "Destitute Patriots."

CR- Civil Rights

April 10 – Is freedom of speech under attack? Bill LuMaye heard the opinion of Rocco Piserchia.

April 11 – Jeff Hamlin reports on another rally for Trayvon Martin, this one in Rocky Mount, NC.

April 13 – The "Amendment One" battle continues in North Carolina. Governor Perdue weighs in.

April 27 – Doctor Greg Brannon speaks with Bill LuMaye about what we can all learn from the constitution.

May 1 – Bill LuMaye speaks with Rocco Piserchia of Founder's Truth about the proposed Cyber sharing and information protection act.

May 2 – John Hood, the president of the John Locke Foundation speaks with Bill LuMaye about Amendment One and if the marriage amendment is necessary in North Carolina

May 4 – The heated issue of Amendment One was the subject of a debate between attorneys on opposite sides in Raleigh. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 7 – Comedian Terry Tuff talks about Amendment One with callers to the Bill LuMaye show.

May 8 – If Amendment One passes it could create changes in Orange County. Jeff Hamlin talked with the Chairwoman of the Orange County Commissioners Bernadette Pelissier.

May 10 – During an appearance on CNN's Pierce Morgan Tonight, Raleigh singer Clay Aiken took a stand against Amendment One, which was approved by North Carolina voters on Tuesday. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 11 – Is marriage a constitutional right? Bill LuMaye discussed the issue with Dr. Greg Brannon, the President of Founder's Truth.

May 11 – On this weekend's edition of Carolina Newsmakers, Raleigh News and Observer columnist Rob Christensen joins Don Curtis. Among the items discussed was Tuesday's primary and the passage of Amendment One.

May 14 – New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was the commencement speaker at UNC-Chapel Hill on Sunday, where he offered advice for graduates and also gave a stinging rebuke to the state voter's passage of Amendment One.

May 17 – Dogs may be man's best friend, but if someone kills yours - whether intentionally or accidentally - no court in this country is required to award you more than what it costs to replace your dog. Brian Freeman spoke with veterinarian Kenneth Newman, author of "Meet Me at the Rainbow Bridge" and asked the question...Is your dog worth more than your iPad?

May 31 – After a warning from the North Carolina ACLU, the Franklin County school board has voted to ban prayer at this year's graduation ceremony. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 26 – In Wake County, there's a battle over a teenage boy's life that will culminate in court today. Jeff Hamlin reports.

CD - Crime/Drugs

April 4 – Another day and another massive credit card data breach. Brian Freeman spoke with Trend and Tech Guru Gregg Stebben and how to protect your self.

April 5 – The Durham County Sheriff's Office is investigating the operations of the county's Department of Social Services after a county audit found misuse of gift cards. Brian Freeman spoke with News Director Rick Martinez.

April 6 – Fayetteville police and a family are asking the same question: "Why?" after the bodies of two people were found. Jeff Hamlin has details.

April 10– Jury selection begins in the trial of a man accused of rape and murder of state school board member Kathy Taft. Discussion between Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez.

April 11 – CBS reporter Jim Taylor says that a survey indicates that you should be wary of on-line banking.

April 16 – Authorities in Durham have yet another double murder on their hands. Jeff Hamlin reports.

April 19 – Police in Fayetteville have their hands full yet again. This time with three dead in a murder-suicide. Jeff Hamlin has more.

April 23 – No one is giving up hope in the search for a missing soldier in Fayetteville. Jeff Hamlin has details on the search for Kelli Bordeaux.

April 23 – Opening arguments are scheduled for today in the trial of Jason Williford, who has plead “not guilty” to charges that he raped and battered 62-year-old Kathy Taft. WPTF’s Brian Freeman and News Director Rick Martinez talked about what is to come.

April 24 – Jury selection is underway but going very slowly in the Kathy Taft murder trial. Brian Freeman and News Director Rick Martinez talked about the first day of court.

April 27 – Investigators are looking for two people connected to Thursday’s robbery of a PNC bank branch in Raleigh. Josh Zach spoke with Jim Sughrue of the Raleigh Police Department.

April 27 – Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez discuss the latest revelations learned in the week-long testimony of Andrew Young at the John Edwards trial.

April 30 – Raleigh and Cary are the sites of two standoffs over the weekend. News Director Rick Martinez details what happened with Brian Freeman.

May 1 – Local and federal law enforcement agencies are seeking the public’s help in their search for a man suspected in five bank robberies across North Carolina. Mike Raley reports.

May 4 – Jury selection in the Jason Williford murder trial is now in its fourth week, but it is finally in the home stretch. Brian Freeman gets details from News Director Rick Martinez.

May 10 – When lawmakers return to Raleigh later this month, one issue they may consider involves changing sentencing rules for 16 and 17-year-olds charged with “lesser” crimes. Bruce Ferrell talks with Brandy Bynum of Action for North Carolina Children about the legislation that would change the rules here in our state.

May 10 - Later this month, one issue that lawmakers may consider involves changing sentencing rules for 16 and 17-year-olds charged with “lesser” crimes. Bruce Ferrell talks with Teresa Shirley of Gastonia, the parent of a child charged with a minor crime, but facing major consequences.

May 14 – Lawyers for John Edwards will start calling witnesses today at the criminal trial of the former Presidential candidate. Josh Zach looks back at the first half of the trial.

May 14 – One person is dead and one other injured after a suspected hit and run accident in Durham. Jeff Hamlin has the latest.

May 15 – Prosecutors want the State Bureau of Investigation to look into a program at UNC-Chapel Hill where a school review already has found academic fraud. Brian Freeman gets details from News Director Rick Martinez.

May 17 – The Jason Williford murder trial opened with a startling admission from the defense. Brian Freeman spoke with Rick Martinez.

May 18 - Barlow Herget from SGRtoday.com spoke with WPTF's Brian Freeman about John Edwards and the final days of the trial.

May 21 – Jury members for John Edwards will start begin the second day of deliberations today at the criminal trial of the former Presidential candidate. Bill LuMaye spoke with former federal prosecutor Kieran Shanahan.

May 22 – North Carolina is one of only two states that prosecute 16 and 17 year olds as adults when they're charged with misdemeanors. Stephanie Hawco talked to Marc Levin of "Right on Crime" about why the court system should treat young offenders as juveniles.

May 23 – State Attorney General Roy Cooper has banned the owner of Peak Fitness from doing business in North Carolina. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 24 – Investigators in Fayetteville are working to identify a body that may be linked to the disappearance of a woman who's been missing for over a week. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 30 – The former principal of East Wake Academy has been charge with sexual battery. More from Jeff Hamlin.

May 30 – The defense has rested in the Jason Williford murder trail. Stephanie Hawco reports.

June 1 – A suspect that led authorities on a high-speed chase that started in Granville County and put three schools on lockdown, has been captured. Jeff Hamlin has details.

June 4 – The body of a missing fisherman, last seen on Friday, has been discovered in Cumberland County. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 4 – A competitive cyclist has more than 70 stitches in his face and neck after a weekend accident on Falls of the Neuse Road. Meanwhile, a motorist has been charged with felony hit-and-run. Jeff Hamlin has details.

June 5 – A man accused of murdering his wife inside their Durham home seven years ago has pleaded not guilty. Raven Abaroa will stand trial in October. More from Jeff Hamlin.

June 6 – A prank pulled by 15 seniors at Southern Lee High School has caused officials to ban them from graduation ceremonies. Jeff Hamlin has more.

June 6 – A grand jury will continue an investigation into a former Wake County District Judge, a local attorney and two legal assistants over the way they handled a dozen DWI cases. More from Jeff Hamlin.

June 7 – Moonshine has been illegal since prohibition ended, but that's never stopped people from making it in North Carolina. Lee Woodruff of CBS reports everything changed when a woman wanted to get into the business

June 7 – A Harnett County woman has been killed in an accidental shooting incident. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 14 – A Durham firefighters who wore a mast of a villain from the Spider-man comic series while robbing dozens of businesses has been arrested. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 15 – All charges have been dropped against John Edwards. What does that mean for all future candidates? Barlow Herget speaks with Brian Freeman.

June 20 – A fresh push to pass a bill that would allow handguns in North Carolina restaurants and bars has some business owners and others concerned and supporters frustrated. Mike Davis reports.

June 21 – A bill that would change the way North Carolina prosecutes teenagers has cleared its first hurdle. Mike Davis has more.

June 22 – A manhunt is underway after a convenience store worker was shot in Raleigh. Rick Martinez gave Brian Freeman the details.

June 28 – One of the figures facing felony charges over conspiring to alter records in DWI cases is out on bond. More from Jeff Hamlin.

EC - Economy/Employment

April 4 – Americans, more than others had to dip into their retirement plans to make ends meet. Scott Briggaman reports.

April 5 – March was a very good month for many automakers. David Horn has more with Car Chronicles.

April 6 – Triangle Business Journal reports that two Raleigh area businesses are closing. Amanda Hoyle gave details to Brian Freeman

April 9 – Investors may quickly forget about the disappointing March jobs reports. CBS MoneyWatch editor Jill Schlesinger gave details to Brian Freeman

April 12 – A USA Today reports finds that sales taxes took the smallest percentage of consumers' dollars since 1967, because of on-line sales. How does that affect local businesses? Andy Ellen of NC Retail Merchants Association spoke with Brian Freeman.

April 13 - Triangle Business Journal reports that on the local business front, there are some businesses that are facing a troubling decision. Amanda Hoyle gave details to Brian Freeman

April 19 – Is America still exceptional? Bill LuMaye posed the question to Bob Luddy of the North Carolina Leadership Team for the Job Creators Alliance.

April 26 – Experts at the nation's Central Bank take a new look at the economy and decided not to take any new actions to stimulate it. CBS reports.

April 27 – Amanda Hoyle from the Triangle Business Journal gives WPTF's Brian Freeman details on a number of jobs that are about to be lost in our area.

April 30 – Jill Schlesinger from CBS MoneyWatch with Brian Freeman on consumer spending numbers that look good but don't translate to new jobs and new hires.

May 3 – 680 WPTF aired a series of interviews from the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Business Expo from the Raleigh Convention Center. This series of interviews, aired between 7:09 am and 5:53 pm.

May 4 – Following the failure of an alternate energy company, several high profile local businessmen may be seeing a small return on their investment. Amanda Hoyle, from Triangle Business Journal has the latest.

May 10 – With what was the rising cost of gas and other expenses, NC State University economist Dr. Mike Walden examines the differences in the cost of living in different parts of the country and different parts of North Carolina.

May 11 – It seems that employment numbers are finally starting to turn around following what some call “the great recession.” NC State University economist Dr. Mike Walden talks about where the hiring is taking place.

May 11 – A new Rutgers University study paints a bleak picture for graduating students, saddled with debt and forced into menial jobs to pay off the debt. Scott Briggaman reports.

May 11 – One of the few openly gay elected officials in the state is Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt. He says that he is concerned that the new constitutional amendment banning gay marriage may impact local government’s ability to offer benefits to non married domestic partners, both same sex and opposite sex. Bruce Ferrell interviewed the mayor.

May 11 – J P Morgan Chase makes a \$2-billion dollar mistake. CBS’s Jill Schlesinger joined Brian Freeman to talk about the ramifications to the common investor and whether the bank could fail or at least come under investigation for the mistake.

May 11 - Triangle Business Journal reports that, on the local business front, some businesses are being robbed and not at the cash register but in their air conditioners as thieves are stealing copper. Amanda Hoyle gave details to Brian Freeman

May 14 – Reaction is strong to the announcement by Wells Fargo bank that it will begin charging for checking. Mike Davis goes in depth.

May 18 - Amanda Hoyle from Triangle Business Journal tells WPTF's Brian Freeman what's happening in local business news.

May 21 – Understand North Carolina’s position in a global economy just got easier, according to WPTF’s Mike Davis.

May 21 – Facebook was the focus of everyone on Friday, but you may have missed the fact that US stocks have been having a pretty rotten time. CBS MoneyWatch Editor at Large Jill Schlesinger gave Brian Freeman the reason for the bad month.

May 24 – Locally, more homes are finding buyers while oil prices are a 7-month low. Mike Davis reports.

May 25 – Expansion plans appear to be trimmed down a bit for one business in Raleigh. Brian Freeman got details from Jason deBruyn from Triangle Business Journal.

May 30 – Consumers aren’t liking the direction of the economy, but housing is providing some hope. Mike Davis has more from the business world.

June 5 – N.C. State economics professor Mike Walden discusses the disappointing jobs numbers released on Friday and what happens from here on.

June 12 – The Duke/Progress merger get the green light. Mike Davis reports

June 12 – Bill LuMaye speaks with financial advisor Ken Nelson about disappointing economic numbers.

June 13 – What is the economic health of North Carolina? Bill LuMaye found out from John Hood of the John Locke Foundation.

June 19 – Brian Freeman will be one of the judges at today’s Knightdale Chamber of Commerce business expo. He spoke with Jennifer Bryan, executive director of the chamber about what the show means to businesses.

June 19 – North Carolina's unemployment rate remains high at 9.4% and that is a challenge for employers here in the Triangle. David Horn heard more about the problem from Lauren Coker, Regional Vice President for Robert Half International.

June 19 – Many small, minority and women-owned companies aren't aware that they have an advantage in today's marketplace. Brian Freeman spoke with Jennifer Dunleavy with the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce about an upcoming education session.

June 25 – Opponents of the creation of the nation's largest electric utility have one more chance to plead their case before regulators. Brian Freeman gets more from news director Rick Martinez.

June 27 – The Countdown has begun for the Duke/Progress merger. Mike Davis reports.

June 27 – NC State economist Mike Walden talks about the latest state employment numbers with Bill LuMaye.

June 29 – Something big appears to be happening on RTP. Amanda Hoyle gave Brian Freeman the details.

ED- Education/PSA/Science

April 5 – Bill LuMaye speaks with Democratic consultant Perry Woods on the issue of whether education spending is too low.

April 9 – The legislature has lifted the 100 school cap on charter schools. Wake School Board member Deborah Prickett comments.

April 9 – Are kids getting too much homework? Bill LuMaye talks with clinical psychologist and author Doctor Kenneth Goldberg.

April 10 – One night after a group of parents gathered at Martin Street Baptist church to express concerns about the Wake Schools assignment policy, the board meets to talk further about the issue. Brian Freeman interviews Rick Martinez.

April 24 – CBS reporter Dan Raviv with Rachel Goslins, executive director of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, on a pilot program call Turnaround Arts to help schools finance the arts in schools.

April 26 – Senate leader Phil Berger introduced an education bill where teachers would no longer receive tenure, but would receive merit pay. Bill LuMaye talked about the potential changes with democratic strategist Perry Woods.

May 2 – The Wake County School Board passes a more than \$1-billion budget for the upcoming school year on a split vote. Brian Freeman spoke with news director Rick Martinez.

May 3 – This Saturday the Raleigh Outlaws, a sanctioned body of the American Blind Bowlers Association, will take to the Buffaloe Lanes North. Brian Freeman, who will MC the event, spoke to coordinator James Benton about this annual event.

May 11 – Bill LuMaye talked with Algenon Cash, the managing director at Wharton Garden, about advancing economic education initiatives in our state's schools.

May 14 – Governor Beverly Perdue’s final proposed budget includes a sales tax increase to fund education. Bill LuMaye discussed the proposed measure with Ken Nelson, a financial adviser with the Nelson Group.

May 15 – Durham County educators say that last year’s budget cuts have led to increase class sizes, less one-on-one time between teachers and students and the elimination of nearly 200 positions. Stephanie Hawco interviews school board member Nancy Cos.

May 22 – Wake County’s School System would get an additional \$3.9 million in the next school year under a budget put forth by Wake County Manager David Cooke. Brian Freeman spoke about the funding with Rick Martinez.

May 23 – A state House committee voted overwhelmingly to compensate victims of North Carolina’s eugenics program. Brian Freeman gets details from Rick Martinez.

June 4 – A UNC doctor, who is one of the world’s leading experts on food allergies, will help lead a worldwide effort to develop a cure. Dr. Wesley Burks spoke to Stephanie Hawco.

June 19 – The Wake County Commissioners have passed a budget plan, while the Wake County School Board will hold a meeting today to discuss, again, the student assignment plan. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez discussed what to expect and what is next.

June 20 – The debate is over and the Wake County School Board has passed a motion calling for a return to diversity-based student assignment. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 20 – Is a college degree still a good investment? Mary Walden examines the issue with NC State economist Mike Walden.

June 29 – Can public schools become “for-profit?” That’s the question Brian Freeman asked of Barlow Herget from SGRToday.com

EH - Environment/Health

April 9 – Bill LuMaye speaks with Paul Chesser with the National Legal and Policy on failing green energy companies that are funded by taxpayers.

April 11 – Can geothermal energy save money for your home? Brian Freeman spoke with Steve Bowman of Bowman Mechanical Service in Raleigh.

April 11 – Because of the mild winter, will there be an increase insect problem here in North Carolina. Tom Kearney spoke with N.C. State Entomologist Doctor Steven Frank.

April 16 – Earth Day approaches and 8-million tons of furniture dumped into landfills isn’t helping. Brian Freeman spoke with David Bryant of Fibrenew about recycling furniture.

April 19 – A environmental group is trying to clean up a major form of pollution. Cigarette butts. Scott Briggaman has details.

April 19 – A new poll finds that the majority of consumers are unwilling to pay more money for environmentally friendly products or services. Details from Jeff Hamlin.

April 24 – There is a call for the Medicare program to be cancelled, plus the latest on women’s maternal instincts and how brushing your teeth by play a role in heart health. Rick Martinez with Health Chronicles.

April 24 – Most of North Carolina's hospitals spend less than 3% of their total budgets on charity care at the same time profits and pay for their top executives are increasing. Mike Raley reports.

April 24 – Bill LuMaye with Paul Chesser of the National and Legal Policy Center about a taxpayer funded electric truck company and what has happened to it.

April 26 – David Horn reports on the hazards of all electric and hybrid vehicles and Toyota gets a wake-up call.

April 26 – The city of Sanford is ready to clean up the community this Saturday. Jeff Hamlin talked to city of Sanford spokesperson Heather Vaughan.

April 30 – It seems as though some of the foods we thought were bad for you are actually good. Donna Martinez finds out what is and isn't good with Women's Health Magazine executive editor Lisa Bain.

May 1 – Flu season is coming to an end in North Carolina and it turned out to be a tepid season. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 1 – There are some soothing words for headache sufferers when it comes to migraines. David Horn has details.

May 8 – The old saying is "you are what you eat" and a new study says "what you watch on TV" could impact your waistline. Scott Briggaman reports.

May 8 – A study of UNC explores type 2 diabetes...plus "confirming" information on jogging. All covered by Rick Martinez in today's Health Chronicles.

May 21 - Are our forecasted thunderstorms connected to Alberto off the South Carolina Coastline and will the storm affect our weather over the next several days? Brian Freeman spoke with Matt Alto from AccuWeather.

May 22 – A report card on recycling efforts in our state is out, and the results may surprise you. An environmental expert told Stephanie Hawco that although the Triangle scored well, we're being out done by rural areas.

May 24 – There may not be as much natural gas in North Carolina than originally thought, according to Barlow Herget from SGRToday.com.

May 30 – For the first time since 1908, there have been two names tropical storms before the official start of hurricane season. Now all eyes are on tropical storm Beryl. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 1 – A UNC-Chapel Hill doctor is one of the world's leading experts on children's food allergies and he's chairing a worldwide effort to deal with the problem. Stephanie Hawco spoke with Dr. Wesley Burks.

June 5 – Summertime in North Carolina means more outdoor activity and doctors are encouraging children and adults to wear helmets when riding bikes, motorcycles or anything with wheels. Mike Davis has more.

June 6 – The North Carolina Children's Hospital at UNC has been recognized by U.S. News Media Group as one of the nation's best. Bruce Ferrell talked with chief physician Dr. Wesley about the recognition.

June 6 – An overflow crowd of protesters descended on the General Assembly, hoping to influence the debate over natural gas fracking. Stephanie Hawco talked to Orange County resident Diane Robertson about her concerns for the environment and the economy.

June 7 – Doctors are joining the debate over legislation that would roll back limits on air pollution in North Carolina. Stephanie Hawco talked to Goldsboro Pediatrician Dr. David Tayloe about the debate between big business and the health care community.

June 20 – If you are making summer plans to visit a North Carolina State Park...there's an app for that. Bruce Ferrell with Charlie Peek about the Pocket Ranger mobile app.

June 21 – The Apex Kiwanis Club needs you and your blood for today's blood drive. Jim Vogel gave Brian Freeman details about the event.

June 21 – 41 nonprofit groups from all over the United State entered the AtlanticBT "Gives Back" 25K Mobile Grant Contest. The final 12 organizations include Durham's Cornucopia Cancer Support Center, whose program "That Cancer Show," is heard Sunday evenings at 8 pm, here on NewsRadio 680 WPTF. Cornucopia's Lois Boynton spoke with Brian Freeman about what's at stake and how they made it into the top 12.

June 25 – North Carolina residents are keeping a close watch on Tropical Storm Debby as it drenches Florida with up to 15 inches of rain. More from Peter King of CBS with WPTF's Brian Freeman.

June 27 – A study of more than 13-hundred military veterans who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan are more likely to become violent. Stephanie Hawco gets details from UNC's Doctor Eric Ellbogen about what they found.

June 27 – Tom Kearney welcomed Joe Graedon of the People Pharmacy about warnings surrounding the chemical B.P.A.

June 27 and June 28 – Triple digit heat is set to hit the Triangle. Multiple reports on staying cool, helping the homeless, what is causing the heat and what to expect. Various reporters.

GA – Government Affairs

April 6 – SGRToday's Barlow Herget reports that the state's Industrial Commission is about to search out businesses that don't pay there worker's comp insurance.

April 12 – The current federal budget may be hurting military modernization. Bill LuMaye spoke with Heritage Foundation, National Security expert Jim Carafano.

April 23 – Congressman David Price talks to WPTF's Bill LuMaye about the debate over the proposed federal budget.

April 23 – The public is paying close attention to the Secret Service scandal and new poll tells us how American's feel. Brian Freeman with Paul Bedard of the Washington Examiner.

May 7 – A superior court judge issued an injunction delaying a ban on the use of cell phones while driving in Chapel Hill. Today, Judge Orlando Hudson will hold a hearing on the matter. Brian Freeman got details from News Director Rick Martinez.

June 8 – It's been a busy week at the General Assembly, where everything from carrying guns in restaurants to legalizing sweepstakes games has been under consideration. Barlow Herget covers it all.

June 11 – It's a big day at the state legislature, where the Senate will introduce its budget proposal and racial justice act will again re examined. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez look into what's happening.

June 12 – State House Speaker Thom Tillis addressed the controversy over severance pay for staffers, within his department, who had resigned. Bill LuMaye has more.

June 18 – The first ever National competition could prove lucrative for some N.C. towns that have innovative ideas. Jeff Hamlin reports.

June 20 – The thermometer is on the rise and that has AARP concerned about people on fixed incomes, like senior citizens. More from Mike Davis.

June 21 – A group set up to help people sterilized against their will in North Carolina is halting its efforts to find more victims, as the legislators didn't include any money in the state budget. Brian Freeman got details from News Director Rick Martinez.

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

April 4 – The purchase of machinery and equipment picked up last month. Bruce Ferrell reports

April 20 – Triangle Business Journal's Jason deBruyn reports that United Airlines is adding once-daily round trip service from Raleigh-Durham International Airport to San Francisco.

May 14 – Is it cheaper to fly or drive? Triple-A's Tom Crosby talked to Bruce Ferrell about gas prices and air fares for the upcoming summer season.

May 22 – What are the worst traffic cities in the United States and where does the Triangle stand on the list and what can drivers do about it? Brian Freeman spoke with Jim Bak, co-author of the INRIX Traffic Scorecard.

June 20 – John Hood with Bill LuMaye on the controversy between Governor Perdue, a DOT executive and phony letters.

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

April 10 – What is the effect on health insurance on small business and how does it affect consumers? Brian Freeman interviews Bruce Clarke of Raleigh's C.A.I.

April 10 – There's a new study that appears to link certain x-rays with brain tumors. Brian Freeman spoke with CBS reporter Barry Bagnato about the report.

April 11 – There are new concerns about the costs of treating cancer. Rick Martinez reports.

April 11 – Lawyers for tobacco companies and the government go to court over the issue of graphic cigarette warning labels. Chip Reed reports.

April 25 – Clayton, NC will be the site of a very unique series of challenges this Saturday during the Clayton Heart Chase to benefit the American Heart Association. Barbie Tew spoke with WPTF's Brian Freeman about the event and the unique presentation of this 5 K walk/run event.

April 26 – Dave Richmond speaks to two Triangle ladies about this weekend's St. Baldrick's charity event.

April 27 – A new study shows that as baby boomers hit their 50's the rate of drug and alcohol abuse are rising. Brian Freeman spoke with Dr. Barbara Krantz from the Hanley support center.

May 16 - Former pro football Coach Bill Cowher has joined the *Melanoma Exposed™* campaign to raise awareness of melanoma and encourage Americans to take a more active role in their skin health and Brian Freeman found out some surprising information.

May 17 – Paraplegic patients may soon be able to move artificial limbs with their thoughts and word on the street that Apple may expand its stunning retina technology to other projects. Rick Martinez reports.

June 11 – A Duke study shows that treating teenagers for depression can reduce their risk of abusing drugs later on. Stephanie Hawco talked to Dr. John Curry about his findings.

June 18 – State Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin joined Don Curtis on Carolina Newsmakers about what North Carolina is going through in regards to homeowners insurance.

June 20 – Doctors from the NC State Vet School have performed an unusual procedure on a 12-thousand pound, 38-year-old elephant. Stephanie Hawco spoke with Dr. Richard McMullen.

June 20 – Looking to lose weight? Tempted to try “juicing?” Donna Martinez talked with ECU dietician Courtney Robinson.

June 28 – All eyes are on the Supreme Court for their ruling on the health care law. Strategist Perry Woods Junior and Senior, in for Bill LuMaye, discussed the issue with Amanda Wilkerson, the former executive director of Activist in Action.

HO - Housing

April 11 – Is housing a right? Bill LuMaye investigates the question with Jeff Shaw of NC Justice Center.

April 16 – With some legal issues over foreclosures now resolved, some area in North Carolina are seeing more of them. Jeff Hamlin reports.

April 16 – One year ago today 28 tornadoes ripped across the state and Raleigh. Were are we today and is everything rebuilt? Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez discussed what's left to do.

April 23 – Has the housing market hit bottom yet? What about all the other times we thought it had bottomed out? Jill Schlesinger of CBS MoneyWatch talked with WPTF's Brian Freeman.

June 19 – If area builders aren't smiling, at least they are grinning a little. Mike Davis has more in businesses news.

June 20 – American families lost 39% of their wealth between 2007 and 2010. Bill LuMaye spoke with Gary Sirak, author of the book “If Your Money Talked, What Secrets Would it Tell?”

June 28 – Housing continues to show signs of life. More in business news with Mike Davis.

June 28 – Doug Kellett with Real Estate advisor and financial expert Stuart Vener on the status of the housing market.

IA- International Affairs

May 1 – Funeral services are set to today for Doctor Leroy Walker, the legendary track and field coach at NC Central University. Walker was a groundbreaker for international relations as the first black president of the Olympic Committee at the age of 74. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez look back at the life and accomplishments of Dr. Walker.

May 2 – There was plenty of feedback from Fort Bragg after the president's secret trip to Afghanistan to give a pep talk to troops and sign an agreement to cover the period after the 2014 troop withdrawal. Jeff Hamlin reports.

NS - National Security

April 18 – The larger, international story of opportunities missed and political efforts failed in Colombia has been lost in the Secret Service prostitute scandal. Harley Carnes comments.

May 9 – Dramatic developments in the latest underwear bomber story are unveiled in information CBS News military consultant Mike Lyons gave WPTF's Brian Freeman.

PA – Political Affairs

April 5 – Even though Mitt Romney has all but won the GOP presidential nomination, Newt Gingrich is still in the fight. Jeff Hamlin reports.

April 5 – There's about to be a heated Republican primary race in Johnston County. Senior political correspondent Donna Martinez reports.

April 9 – Newt Gingrich visits Raleigh and says he's still in the race. Dan Raviv reports from Raleigh.

April 10 – Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane joins the president at the White House for the annual Easter Egg Roll. Donna Martinez interviews the mayor.

April 16 – The republicans have some information of who woman want as their Vice Presidential candidate. Paul Bedard of the Washington Examiner gave Brian Freeman the details.

April 19 – A North Carolina Senator is taking on "for profit" education. Bruce Ferrell reports.

April 19 – The chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, David Parker, says that he will not step down despite a tremendous sexual scandal. Parker spoke live to the media in a 1 pm press conference, which aired live on 680 WPTF.

April 20 - SGRToday's Barlow Herget grades the Democratic Gubernatorial candidates on their recent debate performances.

April 23 – Opening arguments are set to begin today in Greensboro Federal Court in the trial of John Edwards. Prosecutors will try to prove the former Democratic presidential candidate directed a conspiracy to conceal an extramarital affair during the 2008 election. Jim Krasula, from CBS News spoke with Brian Freeman.

April 24 – Matt Conley, the press secretary for the Republican National committee South Region, talks about the RNC's opinion on what to expect during today's Presidential visit and speech at UNC-Chapel Hill.

April 24 – CBS Legal Analyst Andrew Cohen with Brian Freeman on the first day of John Edwards, Greensboro Federal Court trial.

April 25 – President Obama was in Chapel Hill yesterday, pushing Congress for a vote to keep student loan interest rates from doubling. North Carolina's junior Senator had some comments and shared them with WPTF listeners.

April 27 – Barlow Herget from SGRtoday.com spoke with Brian Freeman about the President's Triangle visit, the assumed departure of Newt Gingrich and IF anyone will even show up and vote in the North Carolina May 8th primary.

April 30 – Week two in Greensboro Federal Court in the trial of John Edwards. Cheri Young testifies as prosecutors try to prove the former Democratic presidential candidate directed a conspiracy to conceal an extramarital affair during the 2008 election. Jim Krasula, from CBS News spoke with Brian Freeman.

May 1 – With only one week to go before the NC primary, democratic gubernatorial candidate Bob Etheridge received numerous endorsements on Monday. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 2 – The race for governor has been receiving lots of attention, but what about the race for the number 2 job? Jonathan Kappler of NC Free Enterprise Foundation analyzed the race with senior political correspondent, Donna Martinez.

May 3 – 680 WPTF aired a series of interviews with gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial candidates from both main political parties, throughout the day. (5 am to 7 pm)

May 4 – Barlow Herget from SGRTODAY.com spoke with Brian Freeman about the upcoming primary election and the sudden changes for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Walter Dalton.

May 7 – Paul Bedard from the Washington Examiner releases new poll information to our Brian Freeman about President Obama “owning” of a large, mostly ignored, voting group. (The Asian voters.)

May 8 – An ex-speechwriter for John Edwards takes the stand in Greensboro. Jim Krasula, from CBS spoke to WPTF's Brian Freeman.

May 9 – Lt. Governor Walter Dalton begins his first day as the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, defeating Bob Etheridge and Bill Faison yesterday. He spoke with WPTF's Rick Martinez.

May 9 – From the passage of Amendment One to the gubernatorial races, Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez digest the results from the Tuesday primary.

May 10 – Federal attorneys in the John Edwards trial are expected to rest their case today, without call Rielle Hunter to testify. Jeff Hamlin has more.

May 10 – How much will the passage of Amendment One affect President Obama in North Carolina in the November general election? Brian Freeman spoke with Peter Maer of CBS and Jeff Hamlin talked about the issue with a Duke University political science professor.

May 11 – The prosecution rested in the John Edwards trial on Thursday with the final testimony comprised of sex, lies and videotape. Jeff Hamlin has more.

May 14 – Much to the unhappiness of some, the leader of the North Carolina Democratic Party is staying as its Chairman. Jeff Hamlin reports.

May 14 – There's a new poll out that says that 68% say it's time to throw out Congress and bring in a new crop of Congressional leaders. Brian Freeman got details from Paul Bedard of the Washington Examiner.

May 14 – The Raleigh City Council is set to talk about various issues. New Director Rick Martinez gave Brian Freeman a look at what's on the agenda.

May 16 – In her final budget proposal as governor, Beverly Perdue has pitched a tax increase to fund North Carolina education. Bill LuMaye went in depth with Jeff Shaw of the North Carolina Justice Center.

May 16 – Republican National Committee co-char Sharon Day talked with Bill LuMaye about Democrats promoting the so-called “War on Women.”

May 22 – Pat McCrory is talking bold steps to get a negative political ad pulled off the air. Stephanie Hawco talked to McCrory spokesperson Brian Nick about why the candidate is asking the FCC to referee a dispute with the Democratic Governors Association.

May 24 – The NAACP held a news conference during its “lobbying day” Wednesday outside the state legislative building. Scott Briggaman was there.

May 24 – Senator Richard Burr talked to Bill LuMaye about his “Small Business Opportunity Act” which would help returning troops find jobs.

June 5 – What the chances of a watered down voter I.D. bill going through the General Assembly? WPTF News Director, Rick Martinez discussed the possibility of that with Senior Political Correspondent Donna Martinez.

June 7 – Democratic strategist Perry Woods joined Bill LuMaye for a discussion on the Wake County Commissioners decision to pass on a vote regarding public transportation.

June 12 – North Carolina state Senate leaders are talking a more cautious approach to the proposed state budget than the state House, by spending less. Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger outlines the proposed budget.

June 13 – Democratic legislators say North Carolina has slipped from 44th to 47th in job creation and now has the highest unemployment rate in the southeast. Pitt County Representative Marion McLawhorn is criticizing the GOP's results on putting people back to work.

June 15 – The N.C. House has approved a form of natural gas drilling that critics say will contaminate groundwater. Rick Martinez and Brian Freeman look further into the vote on fracking.

June 22 – Political strategist Brad Crone with Don Curtis on modern day partisanship in the media.

June 28 – The DOT letter controversy continues. Stephanie Hawco spoke with Senator Martin Nesbitt about the testimony heard by state legislators.

June 28 – Rielle Hunter continues her interviews and last night appeared on CNN's Piers Morgan Show. Hunter claimed that John Edwards was “insane” when word of the affair leaked out in 2008.

June 29 – Don Curtis spoke with NC State Political Science Professor Andy Taylor about the rise and fall of Beverly Perdue.

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

April 4 – Evangelical Chuck Colson is hospitalized, the pope concludes his Cuba visit and Rick Santorum reveals why he thinks he can win the presidency. Rick Martinez has today's Religion Chronicles

April 9 – History plays out in Charlotte as several restored holocaust violins are played. Jeff Hamlin reports.

April 23 – Woman are becoming more of a focal point, especially when it comes to sex and sexual behavior. Author Katie Roiphe comments on her book “The Fifty Shades of Grey” and the new HBO series “Girls.”

April 25 – Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich has come down in favor of the amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. Jeff Hamlin reports.

April 25 – Rumors are all over the internet about “the end of it all” for the internet, coming this summer. Brian Freeman talked to trend and tech guru Gregg Stebben to find out if the rumors are true.

April 30 – Rob Schofield of the NC Policy watch joins Bill LuMaye to talk about the growing debate on Amendment One, set for a vote in just over one week during the May 8th primary.

May 3 – Pastor Sean Harris of Fayetteville has made waves across the nation, when a posted video of him preaching against Amendment One went viral. Brad and Britt aired portions of the audio from the video and got listener reaction.

May 4 – According to a new study, less teenage girls are having sex and the numbers in North Carolina are improving. Scott Briggaman reports.

May 15 – For a solid marriage, make promises and keep them, so says author Charles Baird in his discussion with Brian Freeman.

June 26 – The Supreme Court may have gutted Arizona’s immigration laws, but local law enforcement agencies say it will be business as usual here in North Carolina. Brian Freeman spoke with Rick Martinez.

SP – Sports/Games/Races

April 11 – Finally, the winners of the mega millions jackpot have been revealed. Melina Cahill reports on today’s Money Chronicles.

April 16 – Shaw University concludes its spring football practices with the annual Maroon and White Game in Raleigh. Mike Davis reports.

April 19 – Pat Summitt, who won more games than anyone in NCAA college basketball history, steps down as coach of the Tennessee Lady “Vols” less than eight months after revealing she has early-onset dementia. Jeff Archer reports.

April 19 – Some changes are coming to the local minor league baseball Mudcats. Tom Kearney gets details from Durham Bulls public address announcer Tony Riggsbee.

April 20 – NASCAR gets kudos from the President and prepares for a Midwest showdown. WPTF’s David Horn reports.

May 4 – From a member of the 1957 undefeated UNC men’s basketball team to the first major professional sports champion in state history, this year’s class of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame has something for everyone. Jeff Hamline has more.

May 7 – Don Fish, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame highlights inductees including Lennie Bosebluth and M.L. Carr.

May 15 – Saturday at 6:30 pm the Charlotte Motor Speedway fires up with the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series All-Star race and Brian Freeman had the chance to talk to one of several of the “Miss Sprint Cup” representatives.

May 25 – NASCAR’s test of endurance is finally here. David Horn has more on the Coca Cola 600.

June 7 – N.C. State starts it's best of three super regional series against Florida on Saturday night in Gainesville. Wolfpack head coach Elliot Avent talked to the media about how this week's Major League baseball draft has been a distraction to the team.

June 12 – After the elimination of N.C. State there is only one ACC team remaining in the NCAA baseball tournament, Florida State. Jeff Hamlin goes in depth with Jon Manual of Baseball America.

June 15 – UNC Men's Basketball Coach Roy Williams held his summer press conference, where he discussed what life will be like this fall without four important starters.

June 18 – The winner of the 112th U.S. Open is a Raleigh native who played golf at Broughton High School as a teenager. Brian Freeman and Rick Martinez look at a great win for Webb Simpson.

June 22 – The NASCAR Spring Cup Series heads west this weekend. David Horn has a preview.

June 25 – Since the creation of the NHL, 47 pairs of brothers have played together on the same team. Now that is about to happen here in Raleigh, as Jordan Stall joins the Carolina Hurricanes. Josh Zach reports.

WPTF also airs public affairs programming produced by stategovernmentradio.com.

Sunday - Carolina Newsmakers airs from 7 to 8 a.m. and People in Politics airs from 9 to 10 a.m.

During the 2nd Quarter of 2012, the following guests and issues were featured on the program:

Carolina Newsmakers and People in Politics (All PA)

04-01-12

People in Politics

Six Democrats and six Republicans are seeking their party's nomination for governor. This week, host Donna Martinez talks with Democrat Bruce Blackmon and Republicans Charles Moss and Paul Wright about their campaigns and key issues. Then NewsRadio 680 WPTF's Mike Davis and Stephanie Hawco join Martinez to discuss the hot political stories of the week: news that Jon Stewart of the Daily Show will be in Charlotte for the Democratic National Convention, Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich's no-show status this week in North Carolina, a key endorsement for Democratic Lt. Governor candidate Linda Coleman, and First Lady Michelle Obama's impending visit to Greensboro to give the commencement speech at NC A&T. Then we hear Stephanie Hawco's conversation with N.C. Democratic Congressman David Price about the politics of the federal healthcare law, while WPTF's Rick Martinez talks with Republican Congresswoman Renee Ellmers about the GOP's view of the issue, heard this week in the U.S. Supreme Court.

****Issues Covered: 2012 NC Governor's Race; Local, State, and Federal Government; State and Federal Taxes; Transportation; American Middle Class; Healthcare; Property Taxes; Employment and

Unemployment; Job Creation; Tax Credits for Small Business Owners; State Budget; Balancing the State Budget; Education; Protection of Marriage Act; Hydraulic Fracturing; Political Parties; Democratic National Convention in Charlotte; 2012 Presidential May Primary in NC; The Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's Races in NC; Political Ads; Federal Health Care Law; Medicare and Medicaid; The Federal Deficit and Obamacare****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Bob Phillips", Executive Director, Common Cause

****Issues Covered: Common Cause of North Carolina; 2012 Primary Election; Redistricting; Political Parties and Independent Voters; Accountability of Government; Lobbying; Campaign Finance Reform; Election Law Reform; NC General Assembly; Media and Communications; Campaign Spending; Spending by Political Action Committees; Political and Issue Advertising; Education; Business and Industry; Community College System****

Time 60:00

04-08-12

People in Politics

This week host Donna Martinez continues a series of conversations with the candidates for North Carolina governor. Democratic Rep. Bill Faison of Orange and Caswell counties tells Martinez why he's running, discusses his jobs plan and the marriage amendment that will appear on the primary ballot, and addresses his low polling numbers that some attribute to his outspoken criticism of Gov. Beverly Perdue prior to her announcement that she would not seek re-election. Then Democratic candidate Gardenia Henley talks about her background and expertise in fiscal matters, and why she, a political novice, decided to jump into the six-person Democratic primary. Then we turn to presidential politics. Rick Martinez of NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh joins Donna Martinez to discuss Mitt Romney's big wins this week in Maryland, Wisconsin, and Washington D.C., as well as the fate of Republican candidates Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich, who visited North Carolina this week. That's followed by a look at recent Elon University poll results about national and state politics, as well as North Carolinians' views on same-sex marriage. Bruce Ferrell of the N.C. News Network talks with Elon's John Robinson.

****Issues Covered: 2012 May Primary in NC; Democratic Nomination for Governor; Job Creation and the Economy; State Budget; Science and Technology; NC Manufacturing; Education; State Energy Policy and Hydraulic Fracturing; Unaffiliated Voters; Undecided Voters; Governor Perdue's Decision Not to Run for Re-Election; Protection of Marriage Act; Local, State, and Federal Government; Analysis of the Role and Influence of Ruffin Poole in State Government; Income Tax Evasion; Money Laundering; Governmental Ethics; Real Estate Development Permits; Campaign Finance Violations by Former Governor Mike Easley; Ruffin Poole's and Governor Mike Easley's Law Licenses Re-Instated****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Ran Coble", Executive Director, NC Center for Public Policy Research

****Issues Covered: NC State Legislature; Mental Health Reform; College Completion Rates; Distance Education; On-Line Education; The Community College System and the Higher Education System in North Carolina; Employment and Unemployment Rates; Consumer Confidence Polls; Oil and Gas Production and Prices; U.S. Foreign Policy and the Middle East; 2102 Elections and North Carolina as a "Battleground States"; Political Parties and Political Advertising; State Election Ballots and Civics Education; Redistricting; The Different Sessions of the General Assembly; An NC Representative: A Demanding Part-Time Job; The Republican Majority in the General Assembly; New Leadership in the State Legislature****

Time 60:00

04-15-12

People in Politics

Host Donna Martinez continues her focus on the gubernatorial race this week. Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton joins Martinez to discuss his campaign for the Democratic nomination, his view of the economy and job creation, fracking, and the marriage amendment that will appear on the May 8 primary ballot. Then Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich talks with Martinez about his continuing effort to snag the GOP nomination for president and his views on the economy, free trade, and opponent Mitt Romney. Finally, Rick Martinez of NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh analyzes the presidential race and this week's jury selection in John Edwards' federal trial over alleged campaign finance violations.

****Issues Covered: 2012 Gubernatorial Race; NC May Primary; Political Parties; The Recession; The Economy; Job Creation; Business and Industry; Education; Manufacturing; The Global Economy; Community College System; Economic Development; Hydraulic Fracturing; Protection of Marriage Act; Immigration and Illegal Immigration; Science and Technology Jobs; Bio-Technology; 2012 Presidential Election; NAFTA; CAFTA; Employment/Unemployment; American Tax Regulatory Code; Unemployment Compensation; Corporate Tax Structure; Capital Gains Taxes; American Energy Independence Act; Developing New Energy Sources; Restructuring the American Tax Code; Immigration and Illegal Immigration; Guest Worker Program; Re-Training American Workers; Republican Nominee for President in 2012; Polling; Republican Delegates at the Republican National Convention; Religion and Politics; Jury Selection in the John Edwards Trial****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Congressman David Price"

****Issues Covered: Redistricting; Bi-Partisan Support for the "Jump Start" Business Startup Act; Infrastructure Funding; Classroom Education; Status of the Transportation Bill; Status of the Farm Bill; Status of "No Child Left Behind" Programs; The "Default" Crisis; The Possibility of Government Shutdown in September; Agriculture and Regulatory Agencies; Economic Recovery; State, Federal, and Local Budgets; 2008 Recession; Deficit Spending; Campaign Finance Reform and Campaign Spending; "Citizens United" and Super PAC's; Governmental Ethics****

Time 60:00

04-22-12

People in Politics

Early voting for the May 8 primary began this week, and our look at the candidates for governor continues as North Carolinians head to the polling place. Republicans Scott Jones and James Mahan talk with host Donna Martinez about their views and why they think they're a better fit for the top job than the other candidates, including presumptive Republican nominee Pat McCrory. We also hear comments from three of the most well known Democratic candidates for governor – state Rep. Bill Faison, Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton, and former Congressman Bob Etheridge – who participated in three televised debates this week. Then we turn to the political scandal that has engulfed the North Carolina Democratic Party. This week, party chairman David Parker announced he will not resign his office but will not seek re-election in May. Parker had been under pressure from top Democrats to leave office once news surfaced of a secret settlement with a former party staffer, who accused then-executive director Jay Parmley of sexual harassment. Parmley has resigned but denies the allegations. The North Carolina News Network's Jeff Hamlin reports on the story, and News Radio 680 WPTF News Director Rick Martinez joins Donna Martinez to analyze the political fallout.

****Issues Covered: 2012 Republican Primary; 2012 Elections; Political Parties; State/Federal tax Reform; Protection of Marriage Act; Prayer in Public School; Job Creation; Employment/Unemployment; Full Employment; Education; Small Business Owners; Public Health and Health Care; Sexual Harassment; NC Democratic Party and Analysis of the Party's Leadership; Report on NC Democratic Governor's Candidate's Debates This Past Week****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Thom Tillis", NC Speaker of the House

****Issues Covered: NC General Assembly; Republican Majority in the NC General Assembly; State Budget; Senior Citizens and the Elderly; Public Education and Higher Education in North Carolina; State University System and the NC Community College System; Scientific Research; State Ferry System Tolling; NC's Infrastructure; Transportation; Potential Tolls on State Roads; State Revenue and State Tax Structure; NC State Tax Reform; The State's Work Force Development Plan****

Time 60:00

04-29-12

People in Politics

New polling this week shows a shift in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor. Jeff Hamlin speaks with Public Policy Polling's Tom Jensen about the surge of Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton. Then Bob Phillips of Common Cause, formerly the press secretary for Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, analyzes the Democratic candidates' debate performances. Next is a look at presumed Republican nominee Pat McCrory's message to his supporters. McCrory is encouraging them to present an I.D. at the polling place, a not-so-subtle tweak of his Democratic opponents, who oppose the voter I.D. bill. Then we hear from a high profile supporter and a high profile opponent of the Marriage Amendment that will appear on the May 8 ballot. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich talks about his support, and Sen. Kay Hagan explains her opposition. Next is a look at President Obama's speech at UNC Chapel Hill this week. NewsRadio 680 WPTF reporter Josh Zach and News Director Rick Martinez join host Donna Martinez to discuss the visit and compare it to the 2008 campaign. We also take a listen to some of the president's comments, as well as comments from his presumed Republican opponent Mitt Romney, who all but sewed up the GOP nomination with five more primary wins.

****Issues Covered: Polling; Democratic Party Gubernatorial Primary; NC Geography; Lieutenant Governor's Race; Campaign Spending and Campaign Fund Raising; Voter ID; Early Voting; NC State

Auditor's Race; Republican Primary for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction; Protection of Marriage Amendment; President Obama's Visit to Chapel Hill; College Tuition and Student Loans; President Obama's Campaign for Re-Election; 2012 Presidential Race; North Carolina as a "Battleground State"; Mitt Romney Wins Five State Primaries This Past Week; Obamacare****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Katie Parker", Legal Director for the North Carolina Chapter of the ACLU

****Issues Covered: ACLU; Protecting Individual's Civil Rights; Racial Issues; Constitutional "Bill of Rights"; Free Speech Rights; Privacy Issues; Liberal and Conservative Issues; Censorship; Encouraging Constructive Dialogue in Society; Science and Technology; Media and Communications; Law Enforcement Requests for Cell Phone Data; Slander and Libel Laws; Cell Phone Hacking; Internet; Copyright Laws; Definition of Marriage; Domestic Partnership Benefits; Discrimination****

Time 60:00

05-06-12

People in Politics

Tuesday is primary election day, with all eyes on the Democratic and Republican races for governor. All six Republican candidates and five of the six Democratic candidates share with host Donna Martinez their views on issues and why they're seeking the governor's seat. Then Rick Martinez joins Donna Martinez with an update on upheaval in House Speaker Thom Tillis' office. This week a second aide to the Speaker resigned due to a personal relationship with a lobbyist. Next is polling data on the Marriage Amendment and the governor's race from Tom Jensen of Public Policy Polling, and a report on Republican candidate Pat McCrory's endorsement from Jeb Bush. That's followed by a look at the Lt. Governor's race with Jonathan Kappler of the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation. And finally, Rick and Donna Martinez discuss the Washington Correspondent's annual dinner, at which comedian Jimmy Kimmel took aim at President Obama, Mitt Romney, and others including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. The two also discuss this week's testimony in the federal trial of John Edwards.

****Issues Covered: 2012 NC May Primaries; NC Democratic Governor's Primary Race; State Budget; State Lottery; Business and Industry; Job Creation; The Economy; Fuel Prices; The Recession; Lowering the State's Gas Tax; Employment/Unemployment; Small Businesses; Education; Higher Education in NC; Community College System; State and Federal Taxes; NC State Lieutenant Governor's Race and Possible Runoffs; Polling****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Jonathan Kappler", Research Director for the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation

****Issues Covered: Non-Profits; NC Free Enterprise Foundation; Polling Information; Economic Growth; Business and Industry; Local, State, and Federal Government; North Carolina's Business Climate; Politics and Political Parties; Campaign Finance and Campaign Finance Reform; Education; NC's Work Force; Tax Incentive Packages and Attracting Businesses to North Carolina; Taxes and Tax Reform; Corporate Tax Rates; Republican Majority in the NC General Assembly; 2012 Elections and North Carolina as a

"Battleground State"; Sales Tax vs. Service Tax and Definitions of Both; Employment/Unemployment and Job Creation; Lobbying; 2012 Democratic Convention to Be Held in Charlotte This Summer; Rural/Urban Issues and Rural/Urban Voting Patterns****

Time 60:00

05-13-12

People in Politics

North Carolina voters had their say this week as nearly 35 percent of registered voters turned out. Host Donna Martinez is joined by SGRToday.com's Barlow Herget and John Locke Foundation Vice President for Outreach Becki Gray to analyze the results. Topics include the constitutional amendment that sailed to victory with 61 percent of the vote. The amendment defines marriage as only between one man and one woman. North Carolina becomes the 31st state with an amendment. The panel also analyzes the primaries for governor, Lt. Governor, Council of State, and Congress, as well as key legislative races. Six Council of State races and three House races appear headed for a July 27 runoff election. One race – Labor Commissioner – is on the Democratic side. The others are Republican runoffs. And finally, Rick Martinez joins the show with an update on the John Edwards trial.

****Issues Covered: Same-Sex Marriage Ban; Protection of Marriage Act; NC May Primary; Politics and Political Parties; North Carolina as a "Swing State"; 2012 Presidential Election; Conservative/Liberal Values; 2012 NC Governor's Race; Analysis of Campaign Fundraising; NC Secretary of Labor Race; Unaffiliated Voters; Council of State Races; Rundown of the July 17th Runoff Races****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Rob Christensen", Political Columnist, News and Observer, and Author of Paradox of Tar Heel Politics

Issues Covered: Voter Turnout for the NC May Primary; The Marriage Amendment; Liquor By the Drink; Equal Rights Amendment; North Carolina: A Socially Conservative State; Rural/Urban Issues; Influence of Three-Term Governor Jim Hunt; The Effect of Billy Graham's Endorsement of the Marriage Amendment; NC as a "Battleground" State; President's Clarification/Endorsement of Same-Sex Unions/Marriage; Redistricting; NC's Lieutenant Governor's Race; Analysis of NC Congressional Races and NC Council of State Races; Analysis of the July 17th Runoffs; Independent/Unaffiliated Voters; Democratic National Convention to Be Held in Charlotte and President Obama's Re-Election Chances****

Time 60:00

05-20-12

People in Politics

Chaos in the state Democratic Party as embattled chairman David Parker stays in the top job after a divisive vote among hundreds of party activists. Rick Martinez joins host Donna Martinez to analyze the disagreement and the potential political impact going forward toward the Charlotte Democratic National Convention in late summer. Martinez also discusses Gov. Perdue's verbal slap at the state of Mississippi and how officials in that state are reacting to it, as well as a fake apology from Perdue via Twitter. The fake apology, intentionally made by someone who holds a Twitter account meant to look like it belongs to

the governor, made national news, prompting the governor's real staff to have to comment and discuss Perdue's phone call to Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant. Martinez also comments on jury deliberations in John Edwards' federal trial on campaign finance indictments. Then the panel delves into a flap over debates between Pat McCrory and Walter Dalton campaigns, and the new session of the state legislature. That's followed by comments from Jonathan Kappler of the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation, who assesses the outcome of the legislative elections.

****Issues Covered: NC State Democratic Party Leadership and NC Democratic Party Chairman, David Parker; 2012 Democratic Party National Convention to Be Held in Charlotte This Summer; 2012 NC Gubernatorial Campaign; Protection of Marriage Act; Civil Rights and the Civil Rights Act; Rundown of the Runoffs from the May Primary in North Carolina; Analysis of the Testimony in the John Edwards Trial****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Dana Cope", Executive Director, State Employees Association of North Carolina

****Issues Covered: SEANC; State Employees; State Government; Education; Public and Private Colleges in North Carolina; NC's Sales and Corporate Taxes; State Lottery; Service Taxes; Modernizing NC's Tax Structure; Republican Majority in the NC General Assembly; Non-Partisanship; Redistricting; Political-Action Committees; Campaign Finance Reform; Voter Turnout; 2012 May Primary; 2012 Elections; Analysis of 2012 DNC in Charlotte; Privatization of Government Services****

Time 60:00

5-27-12

People in Politics

Republican gubernatorial candidate Pat McCrory discusses the goals he will pursue if elected governor, while his spokesperson Brian Nick comments on a legal feud the campaign is pursuing against producers of an attack ad and the TV stations that are airing it. Then we hear a campaign ad from Democratic candidate Walter Dalton. Next, host Donna Martinez talks with Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson about a court hearing for two former associates of Gov. Beverly Perdue. Both are facing allegations of campaign finance violations. That's followed by a look at the week's key legislative initiative – compensation for the living victims of North Carolina's notorious eugenics program. Stephanie Hawco talks with Martinez about the emotional comments from the victims, who are poised to receive \$50,000 each from the state for having been sterilized by the state against their will. Then the head of the State Employees Association of North Carolina talks about working with the Republican-led legislature following decades of Democratic control. And finally, Rick Martinez of NewsRadio680 WPTF in Raleigh joins Donna Martinez to analyze a new anti-Mitt Romney video produced by the North Carolina AFL-CIO, as well as the potential impact on the presidential race by the national NAACP's endorsement of gay marriage as a civil right.

****Issues Covered: 2012 Elections; NC Governor's Race; Political Parties; Balancing the State Budget; NC's Debt; Health Care; The Elderly and Senior Citizens; Obamacare and NC's Health Care Plan; Ethics and Political Ads; Employment/Unemployment, Jobs, and Job Creation; Campaign Fund-Raising and the Gay Community; Protection of Marriage Act; Compensation for Victims of the NC Eugenics Program; 2012 Presidential Election; NC Chapter for AFL-CIO; Declining Union Political Influence in North Carolina; Impact of President Obama's Endorsement of Same-Sex Marriage****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with John Hood", President and Chairman of the John Locke Foundation, and Publisher of the Carolina Journal

****Issues Covered: Lieutenant Governor's Race in 2012; 2012 NC May Primary; Voter Turnout; The Marriage Amendment; Definition of Marriage and Same-Sex Marriage; Polling Data; NC Voting Patterns; The Paradox of Tar Heel Politics; Redistricting; Race Issues and the Obama Presidency; Local Dialects; Analysis of 2012 Post-Election Fallout; NC Health Care and Pension Liabilities****

Time 60:00

6-3-12

People in Politics

The jury speaks and John Edwards walks out of a Greensboro federal courtroom a free man, with the government having failed to prove its case on six counts of campaign corruption related to the money used to hide Edwards' mistress Rielle Hunter from the public. Host Donna Martinez is joined by Rick Martinez and Stephanie Hawco of NewsRadio680 WPTF in Raleigh for analysis of why the case ended with one not guilty verdict and a mistrial after the jury deadlocked on the five other counts. We also hear from Edwards himself in comments he made on the courthouse steps following the mistrial. Then we get an update on a push to take politics out of the election map-drawing process in North Carolina, as well as a legislative step forward for live table games at the western North Carolina casino run by the Cherokees. State Sen. Tom Apodaca of Henderson County says it's all about jobs. Then Stephanie Hawco provides an update on the continuing scandal inside the Democratic Party related to sexual harassment allegations. She also explains the new political steps being taken by pro-gay marriage forces in the state, and details the strange story of Auditor Beth Wood and parking tickets on her state vehicle that she paid for but didn't incur herself. That's followed by comments from Gov. Mitt Romney, who secured enough delegates to claim the GOP nomination for president this week, and comments from his Democratic opponent, President Barack Obama. Then Jonathan Kappler of the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation discusses the costs involved in running a campaign for state House and state Senate, and Raleigh News & Observer columnist Rob Christensen comments on the potential political impact of President Obama's support of gay marriage.

****Issues Covered: Campaign Finance and Campaign Finance Reform; Campaign Contributions; Mistrial in the John Edwards Trial; Democratic National Convention in Charlotte This Summer; Redistricting; Casino Gambling and Job Creation; Employment/Unemployment; Bi-Partisan Commission to Handle Redistricting; Analysis of Leadership for the State Democratic Party****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Lou Baldwin", President of the North Carolina Association of Realtors

****Issues Covered: NC Association of Realtors; Realtors' Code of Ethics; The Economy; Trademarks; Residential and Commercial Property; Real Estate as an Investment; Home Builders and New Home Starts; Home Construction; Renting vs. Buying a Home; Banking, Interest Rates, and Re-Financing Homes; Employment/Unemployment; Job Creation and Home Sales; Economic Recovery; Foreclosures; Savings and Loans; The Size of Down Payments; Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; Speculation; North Carolina Resort Properties; Urban/Rural Issues****

Time 60:00

6-10-12

People in Politics

This week we begin our look at North Carolina's July runoff races, including the Democratic primary runoff for Labor Commissioner. Host Donna Martinez is joined by one of the two Democrats in the race – Marlowe Foster – who requested the runoff after finishing second to John Brooks on May 8. Foster discusses key themes of his campaign and explains why he believes he is the future of the Democratic Party. Then the candidate focus turns to the state's race for governor. Libertarian candidate Barbara Howe talks with Martinez about her campaign and her fiscal and social views as she seeks to defeat her challengers, Republican Pat McCrory and Democrat Walter Dalton. Then we turn to news that former John Edwards mistress Rielle Hunter will soon release a book about her affair with the former presidential candidate. Stephanie Hawco joins Martinez to discuss Edwards and Hunter, as well as news that offering Democratic National Convention attendees easy access to alcohol on Labor Day has become an issue in Mecklenburg County, where ABC stores are scheduled to be closed that day. Legislators are seeking to change that.

Issues Covered: 2012 Elections; Democratic Primary Runoff for NC Labor Commissioner and Interview with Marlowe Foster; Community Colleges; Business and Industry; Education; Political Parties; Interview with Libertarian Candidate for Governor, Barbara Howe; NC Gubernatorial Race; 2008 Libertarian Candidate Mike Munger; Public Welfare; Same-Sex Marriage and the Protection of Marriage Amendment; Analysis of Rielle Hunter's Tell-All Book; Democratic National Convention to be Held in Charlotte in September****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Chris Fitzsimon", Director, NC Policy Watch

****Issues Covered: NC Policy Watch; Public Policy; Local and State Government; Video Sweepstakes Debate; Gaming/Gambling Issues; Education Funding; NC Education Lottery; State Budget; Sales Tax Revenue; Corporate Tax Structure; Economic Growth and Recovery and Tax Revenue; Fracking, The Environment and Public Safety, Mining and Extraction; NC Energy Policy; NC Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources; Partisan and Non-Partisan Redistricting; Governor Perdue's Decision to Not Run for Re-Election; Re-Structuring NC Department of Transportation; Analysis of a Possible Term with Walter Dalton as Governor, Then Pat McCrory as Governor****

Time 60:00

6-17-12

People in Politics

The Democratic runoff for Labor Commissioner will be on the July 17 statewide ballot, and this week, host Donna Martinez talks with candidate John Brooks, who won the vote on May 8 but failed to achieve the 40% needed to avoid a runoff. Brooks discusses his background and why workplace safety and education are two key issues he would focus on, if elected. Brooks faces Marlowe Foster, last week's guest, in the runoff. Then we turn to House Speaker Thom Tillis, who is being criticized for giving severance packages to former staffers who were found to have questionable relationships with lobbyists. Tillis defends his

actions, and also weighs in on possible collaboration between Republican legislative leaders and the Pat McCrory campaign for governor. Then Rick Martinez joins Donna Martinez to analyze the new polling data that shows Mitt Romney leading President Obama in North Carolina, 48 to 46 percent. They also drill down into the data, which shows independent voters moving to Romney, along with 20 percent of state Democrats and 20% of African Americans. That's followed by comments made before business owners by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Walter Dalton and Republican candidate Pat McCrory.

****Issues Covered: Economic Recovery; State Government; Workplace Safety and Workplace Injuries; Public Safety; Public Welfare; Business and Industry; Manufacturing; Training Skilled and Hi-Tech Workers in North Carolina; Immigration; Funding Public Education and Higher Education in North Carolina; NC Labor Commissioner Democratic Run-Off July 17th; NC General Assembly Short Session; 2012 Elections; Political Parties; Polling Data for the 2012 Presidential Race in N.C.; Voter Identification; North Carolina as a "Battleground State"; Conservative Element of the NC Democratic Party; Independent/Unaffiliated Voters; Gay Marriage Amendment; Small Business Owners; NFIB; Conservative/Liberal Issues/Values; John Edwards Will Not be Re-Tried in Federal Court****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Wayne Goodwin", NC Insurance Commissioner

****Issues Covered: Homeowners Insurance; Re-Insurance and Its Rising Costs; Car Insurance, Rates and Discounts; NC Department of Insurance; Bundling; Transportation; Car Safety; Buckling Seat Belts; Home Prices Rising and Falling; Tax Values of Homes; Hurricane, Flood, and Disaster Insurances; Property Insurance; Photographing Property for Evidence; Home Inspectors and the State Building Code; Weather Damage and Insurance Fraud; Stolen Vehicles****

Time 60:00

6-24-12

People in Politics

Stephanie Hawco joins host Donna Martinez to discuss the a controversy over letters sent state legislators involving Gov. Perdue's key aide and the COO of the Department of Transportation. The dust-up, centered around the question of whether the Perdue administration tried to sneak a budget request past Republican legislators under the DOT chief's signature, led to key Perdue aide Pryor Gibson and DOT COO Jim Trogdon testifying before a state Senate committee. Then we turn to the runoff election for the Republican nomination for North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction. Martinez talks with candidates John Tedesco and Richard Alexander about key issues in the race and how they see the differences between them. The winner of the July 17 runoff faces Democratic incumbent June Atkinson in the fall.

****Issues Covered: State Government; NC State Department of Transportation; NC Governor's Office; State Budget; The Runoff Election for the Republican Nomination for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction; Education; Charter Schools and Traditional Schools; Special and Alternative Education; Merit Pay for Teachers; Education as a States Rights Issue; The Superintendent: Elected Position vs. Appointed Position****

Time 60:00

Carolina Newsmakers

"Interview with Brad Crone", President of Campaign Connections, a Political/Public Affairs Consulting Firm.

****Issues Covered: Print Media and Broadcasting; Hunt-Sanford Political Machine Operating in North Carolina; Urban/Rural Issues; NC History; Economic Recovery and Economic Development; Employment/Unemployment; Tax Structure in NC; Sales, Property, Business, and Service Taxes; North Carolina as a "Battleground" State; Campaign Spending in NC; The Presidential and Gubernatorial Campaigns This Year; Unaffiliated Voters; Female/Male Voting Patterns; Democratic/Republican Crossover Rates; Polling; Democratic Party Leadership in NC; Democratic National Convention in Charlotte; Forecasting Results from November Elections

Time 60:00